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OUR common *Fresh-Water Muscles* differ from our Salt-Marsh Muscle, in that they are not fixed to any Place or Thing, but have a Method of trailing along on the sandy Bottoms of Creeks and Rivers: They have the Power not only of opening and shutting their Shells at Pleasure, but have, moreover, the Power of creeping (*a*) along as it were like a Snail, by turning upon the upper Edge that opens, and so work themselves along the soft yielding Sand in little Furrows about half an Inch deep. I have traced them for several Yards, by these little Channels, when the Tide is down, and left the Sands bare.

If these few Observations prove acceptable, it will be a Pleasure to

Your Friend,

John Bartram.

VII. *A Letter from Mr. Christ. Hunter, to Dr. Mortimer, Secr. R. S. serving to accompany a Copy of an antient Roman Inscription at Rochester in Northumberland, and two others at Rivingham.*

Worthy Sir,

Durham, Sept. 9. 1744.

Read Nov. 8.
1744.

KIND Providence enabling me to outlive such Members of the *Royal Society* I have had the Happiness to correspond withal,
Dr.

(*a*) I have seen this of our Horse-Muscles in Ponds here in *England*.

Dr. *Lister*, Dr. *Woodward*, and the much respected dear Mr. *Gale*, I make bold to address the following Inscriptions to the honourable *Society* by your Hands.

A Transcript of the first Inscription, sent to me six Months ago, was copied by a Person of too narrow Judgment to be depended upon; which obliged me to take a Journey to *Rocheſter*, to be exact in every Circumſtance relating to the ſame (a): The Stone was found erected upon two Supporters, and diſcovered laſt Year in the miſt of a Heap of Rubbiſh, and the Inſcription intire to the laſt Line, where the Name of the *Præfeſtus* is viſibly obliterated, in ſome enſuing Reign.

The two following (b) I took out of the Earth at *Riſingham*, another *Roman* Fort, eight Miles South from *Rocheſter* upon the Banks of *Reed's* Water mentioned by Mr. *Camden*: They are both Altars broken; the firſt falling from the Top of the higheſt Wall of a Dwelling-houſe deſerted above fifty Years; the two initial Letters of the third and fourth Lines broken off; as *IVLIUS*, *LIVIVS*, *LIBIVS*, *LICIVS*, or *LIDIVS*. The other is upon the Margin of Mr. *Warburton's* Map of *Northumberland*, I fear, omitted by Mr. *Horsley* in *Britannia Romana* among his Sculptures; but find it in pag. 240. of his *Observations*, ſo quite different from my Copy. I am,

Good Sir,
Your moſt obedient humble Servant,
Chriſtopher Hunter.

(a) See TAB. II. Fig. 2.

(b) See TAB. II. Fig. 3 and 4.
VIII.

Fig. 1. p. 158.

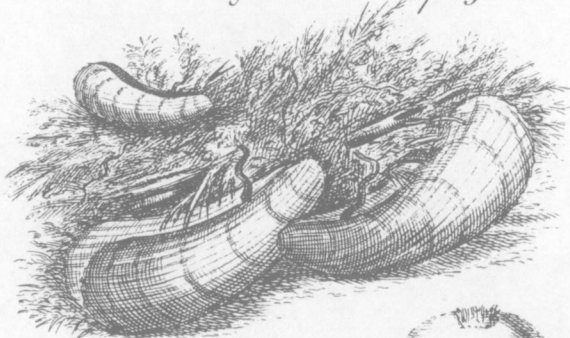


Fig. 2. p. 160.

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Fig. 11. p. 238.

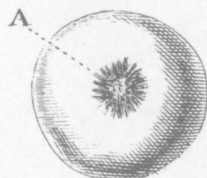
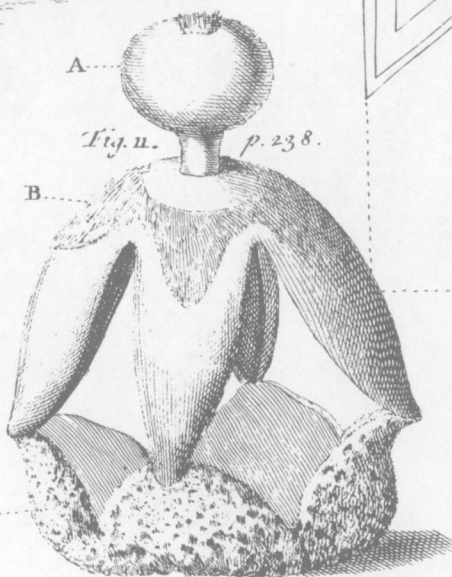


Fig. 12. p. 238.

Fig. 10. p. 208.

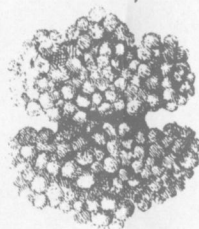


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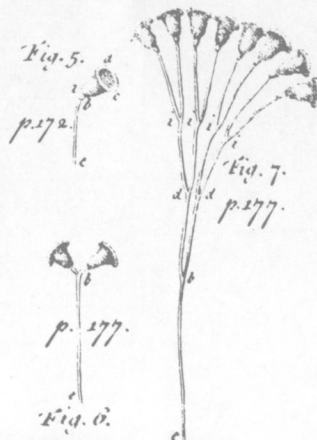
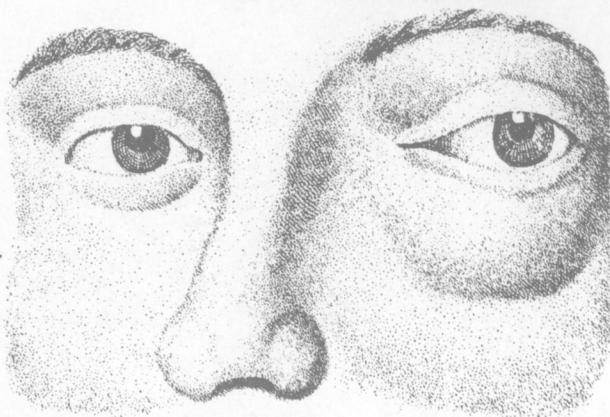


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Fig. 3. p. 160.

MARTI
VICTORI
VLIVS LI
IVS TRIE
V·S·L·M.

Fig. 4. p. 160.

FORTVNAE
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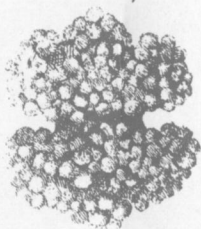


Fig. 5.
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Fig. 7.
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Fig. 6.

Fig. 9 p. 201.

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